

**EUTYCHIUS OF CONSTANTINOPLE, *De differentia naturae et hypostaseos***  
[EVTYCH.CONST.Diff.naturae]: CPG 6937-40; NCE 5: 643; DHGE 16: 94-95.

*MSS* none

*Lists* none

*A-S Vers* none

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GREG.MAG.Moral.Iob CCSL 143A p 743.3-8 [PL 75.1077D].

*Refs* none

Eutychius, a Phrygian, was made patriarch of Constantinople by Justinian I in A.D. 552, deposed by him in 565, and reinstated by Justin II in 577. He died in 582.

Towards the end of his life, Eutychius wrote a short treatise referred to as *De differentia naturae et hypostaseos*, in which he held that the resurrected body would not be substantial. This view was opposed by Gregory the Great, who was then the papal *apocrisiarius* in Constantinople. Gregory recounts in his *Moralia* his dispute with Eutychius, who is said to have recanted only on his deathbed. The conflict is discussed fully in Duval (1986); additional details of Eutychius's life and career can be found in Smith and Wace (1880 vol 2 pp 414-16).

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In his commentary on Luke, Bede quotes the beginning of Gregory's discussion of Eutychius's error, but Bede himself does not discuss the conflict.

No copy of the original version of Eutychius's treatise exists, and the work was long thought to be lost entirely. But an Armenian translation survives (a product of the Armenian Hellenizing school) which is translated into Italian in Ananian (1969).

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